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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) voted today in favor of the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act which makes both short and long-term investments to the St. Louis area's flood control systems, water and roadway infrastructure projects. Senate debate on the bill may not begin until next week.

"President Barack Obama was correct in his assessment that both Democrats and Republicans must make concessions in today's economic climate," said Congressman Carnahan. **"I take that message to heart and that's why I have consistently requested funding for the most effective projects so that my constituents' hard-earned tax dollars may be reinvested into our community for future generations."**

"It's too bad my constituents had to wait so long for these needed investments," said Carnahan.

"Instead, President Bush showed little concern about the lack of investments in our future and stalled this critical legislation."

Congressman Carnahan helped secure vital funding for the following regional projects:

Water Infrastructure

- o \$3.5 million for St. Louis Floodwall
- o \$29,000 for River Des Peres repair
- o \$100,000 for Ste. Genevieve flood control
- o \$8.6 million for the Mississippi River Lock and Dam project

Transportation

- o \$475,000 for road improvements to I-55 at Route M
- o \$237,000 for River Des Peres Blvd. improvements

Congressman Carnahan serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as well as the Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee where he has focused on rebuilding our nation's crumbling infrastructure and creating thousands of jobs.